

10 February 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Branch II

SUBJECT: Student Use of the Library

1. During the running of the Phase II class which finished 11 February, the library hours were expanded to include the hour from 5:30 to 6:30 in the evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The library was kept open at those times except for the evenings when the students were away [REDACTED] on field problems. At the beginning of the course, they were made aware of the evening hours by an announcement to the class, and also by the sign on the library door.

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2. At your request the Librarians kept a tally of the students who used the library after daytime hours. This turned out to be an easy job since only one student used the library in the evening. This student came in to do a five minute job of research on the [REDACTED] problem; other students had done the same research during the day.

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3. Thirty-three (33) students in this class checked out fifty-eight (58) books and three (3) sets of language records during the regular library hours, and many others used the library during the day for research. These figures, we believe, are a little higher than for most Phase II classes, although they are probably reasonably representative. Thus it is clear that students who want to can find time to use the library.

4. One of the students in this class told the librarian that he and many of his fellows feel that the early evening hours are not convenient to the student, who needs that particular time to patronize the bar, mess hall, and lounge. He suggests that a better time would be 6:30 to 8:30 (or 10!). Certainly it seems reasonable to assume that the early hours are not convenient to the students, since no one made use of them.

5. The librarians are very willing to keep the library open at whatever times are most convenient for the Phase II and Phase III students. We will welcome your suggestions for suitable evening library hours.

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